Traffic Sergeants.

*Q.—210. **Sri H. SIDDANANJAPPA** (Hassan District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the establishment that has been maintained for Traffic control in the State and the expenditure incurred thereon ;

(*b*) the number of Traffic Sergeants and of these, the number of Anglo-Indians, foreigners and natives ;

(*c*) the grades of pay of Traffic Sergeants ;

(*d*) whether it is obligatory on the part of Traffic Sergeants to pass any examination and if so, what that examination is?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA** (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Traffic establishment is maintained separately only for Bangalore and Mysore Cities. Elsewhere persons are deputed from amongst the local staff according to needs. The staff is as follows ;—

	A.S.P.	P.I.	S.I.	Sgt.	H.Cs.	Dfrs.	P.Cs.
1. Bangalore North ...	1	1	3	4	8	23	172
2. Bangalore South ...	1	1	2	6	...	19	100
3. Mysore City ...	...	1	...	2	4	2	66
4. Railways ...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...

The expenditure on account of this staff works out to Rs. 1,69,440 per annum (excluding allowances).

(*b*) (i) Number of Traffic Sergeants 14
(ii) Number of Anglo-Indians 13
(iii) Number of Indian Christians 1

(*c*) Bangalore North, Railways and Mysore ... Rs. 70—5—100
Bangalore South 150

(*d*) No examination is prescribed.

Statement by the Hon'ble Speaker *Re* Rules to be observed in Tabling Motions.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—At the end of to-day's business, we will be reaching the end of this Session. I should like to take this opportunity to make a few observations about the tabling of motions, as the work we have just gone through has disclosed that the rules on this matter have not been properly appreciated. The Hon'ble Member, Sri Gundappa Gowda also raised this point more than once.

First, let me take the case of a motion for reference of a Bill to a Select Committee. Under Standing Order 30 this may be a substantive motion or where the substantive motion is for consideration, this may be by way of amendment. It is an accepted practice that in either case, the motion should be accompanied by the list of members proposed for the Select Committee, the consent of such members to serve on the Committee having been obtained beforehand. During this session such lists were not furnished with the motions at all. I did not want to disallow such motions straightaway. But I should like that Hon'ble Members and the Government also observe this practice in future.

I invite the attention of the Hon'ble Members to a circular issued recently by my Office—Circular No. 19. It is stated therein that the period of notice for sending in amendments to consideration motions for reference to a Select Committee is one clear day. During this session many Hon'ble Members who sent in amendments for referring Bills to Select Committees have not observed this rule as to notice.

Let me next take the case of amendments to Bills. Standing Order 39 requires that two clear days notice should be given. For this session, I have found that Hon'ble Members have sent in their amendments on the very day when the bills were taken up for consideration. This causes considerable inconvenience to the office which has to note upon the admissibility, as well as to the Government, which has to

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examine whether any particular amendment is acceptable to them or not. I want to take this opportunity to inform Hon'ble Members that for future sessions at least they may kindly follow the rules regarding the periods of notice, as their motions and notices are otherwise liable to be disallowed by the Chair and that the Rules will be enforced strictly in future.

I hope that on the part of the Government also greater consideration will be shown to rules of procedure. For instance 3 bills were referred to Select Committees and the bills as reported werepresented to the House and passed during this session. The interval between presentation of the report of the Select Committee and the consideration and the passing of the bill as reported by the Select Committee has been extremely short in all these 3 cases. The report in all the cases was presented at the end of a day's sitting, the bills as reported being circulated to the members immediately thereafter and in one case on the next day and the consideration motion was taken up the next day. The rules give the Hon'ble Members of this House a right to table amendments to such bills. If copies of bills are placed in their hands at 6 P.M. one evening and the bill is to be taken up the next day, how will the Hon'ble Members have time to go through the bill and table amendments? If the Chair were to insist on the two days' rule for notice in such cases under Standing Order 39, obviously Hon'ble Members will be altogether deprived of the valuable right of moving amendments. In the cases which occurred during this session the Chair did not insist on the two-day rule and in fact no Hon'ble Member tabled any amendment at all. But I am quite clear that the fact that no Hon'ble Member chooses to exercise his right cannot be a reason for denying the right itself altogether. I therefore request that in future the Government may kindly see that sufficient time is available to the Hon'ble Members to read and study the bills and table amendments within the period of notice.

Finally I should like to refer to the moving of adjournment motions. A very clear and exhaustive analysis of the place and scope of adjournment motions in the present set-up has been given by the Hon'ble Speaker of the Indian Parliament and I am having circulated to the Hon'ble Members extracts* from a ruling given by him in the Parliament last year.

Review by the Hon'ble Speaker of Disposal of Starred and Unstarred Questions.

MR. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—For this session 201 Starred Questions and 35 Unstarred Questions had been admitted. Of them answers to 169 Starred and 26 Unstarred Questions have been received and have been placed in the hands of the members or will be placed before the end of the day's sitting. This leaves a balance of 32 Starred and 9 Unstarred Questions for which replies are due.

In respect of Questions tabled for the Budget Session and the August-September Session of 1950, Government will shortly be placing on the table of the House answers to 4 Starred questions of Budget Session 1950 and 10 questions (8 starred and two unstarred) of August-September Session respectively. There are 5 Questions and 6 Questions for these two sessions for which replies are still due.

Statement laid on the Table—Postponed Questions and Answers.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Leader of the House).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a statement furnishing answers to 4 Starred questions of the Budget Session of 1950 and to 8 Starred and 2 Unstarred Questions of the August-September Session of 1950, which were treated as postponed questions.

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